E ommercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

flungkong and Shanghai Bank-154 per cent. premium, sellers.

share, sellers.

China Traders' Insurance Company-\$68 per North China Insurance-Tis. 265 per share,

Canton insurance Company, Limited-\$74 per " share, sales. Vanistage Insurance Association-Tis. 108 per share, sellers." Thinese Insurance Company-\$170 per share,

per share. Hougkong Fire Insurance Company-\$325 per China Fire Incurance Company-\$74 per share,

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tis. 150

Houghong and Whampon Dock Company, 31 cer cent. premium, buyers. hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co. -\$201 per share, sellers. China and Manila Steam Ship Company- 60

per share, buyers Hongkong Gas Company-\$130, per share, Honomong Hotel Company,-\$160 per share, buyers.

Indo-Ciuna Steam Navigation Company, Limited—12] per cent. dis., sales. Douglas Steamship Company-\$51 per share, China Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$148

per share, sellers. Lizzon Sugar, Reining Company, Limited-\$59 per shine, sellers. Hongkong Ice Company-265 per share, buyers.

Bongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited, - 80 per share. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 A-2 per cent.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B-8 per cent, Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884, C-10 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E-12 per cent, ingkong-Rope-Manufacturing-Company, Limited-251 per share. - -Perak Ton Mininghand Smelting Company-\$20

Femiora and Sunghie, Dua Samantan Mining Co. -- All per share, sellers. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company - 55 per cent. premium, sales and

> EXCHANGE.

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

23rd April, 1888.—At 4 p.m.

Wtadfrostock Iniphong minimi OT WEN 29.61 24th April, 1888.—At 10 a.m.

STATION. Vladivestock shanghal.

The barometer has fallen in Tonquin and risen lalong the coast Gradients are moderate for east-south-east winds. Cloudy, warm and damp weather prevails with some fog in the Formess.

Channel.

1—Harometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2—Humidity in percentage of saturation, the hunidity of air saturated with moisture being too.

3—Direction of the wind to two points. 5—Force of the wind according to the wind to two points. 5—Force of the wind according to the Heaufort scale.

3—State of the weather, 5 Blue sky, c Detached clouds, a Drirriling rain, f Fog. g Gloomy, h Hall, s Lightning, s Overcast, 5 Paraling showers, f Squally, Rain, s Snow f, Thouder, v Visibility, w Dew wet).

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The Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

W. Dossmer. Hongkong Observatory, 24th April, 1888.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MASSES, FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER). Barometer-q A.H. Thermometer-g A.M. (Wet bulb) bermometer-t P.M. (Wet bulb) hormometer-4 P.M. (Wet bulb) Thermometer-Maximum

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer City of Sydney with the American mail of March 31st. left on or about the 27th.

THE FRENCH MAIL The M. M. Co.'s steamer Djemnah, with the French mail of March 24th, left Saigon on the 23rd instant, at 11 p.m., and is due here on or about the 26th.

THE CANADIAN MAIL The Canadian Pacific Line steamer Balavia, with the Canadian mails, left Vancouver on the 4th April, and is due here about the 3rd May.

THE INDIAN MAIL. The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer Taisang, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 22nd instant, and is due here on the 28th.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer Prometheus, from London, left Singapore on the F morning of the 20th instant, and is due here on

The "Glen" Line steamer Glenshiel, from Condon, left Singapore on the 22nd instant, and is expected here on the 28th.

The China Shippers Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer Oopack, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 23rd instant, and is expected here on or about the 29th.

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FRRO, German steamer, 754, T. N. Hansen, 23rd April,-Newchwang, and Chefoo 17th April, Beans.-Ed. Schellhass & Co. ESPOIR, British gunboat, and-class, 465 tons, A70 horse-power, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander R. Y. Smith, 23rd April, -- from Canton.

Oxus, French steamer, 2,390, J. M. Guirand, 23rd April, -- Shanghai 21st April, Mails and General.—Messageries Maritimes.

VENETIA, British steamer, 1,600, Cole, 24th April,—Shanghai 21st April, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co. HAIPHONG, British steamer, 1,122, Harris, 24th

April,-Saigon 20th April, Paddy and Rice, -D. Lapraik & Co. ACHILLES, British steamer, 1,528, C. Anderson, 24th April,-Liverpool 10th March, and

Singapore 18th April, General.—Butterfield Russia, Russian steamer, 1,813, R. Stronsky, 24th April,-Odessa 20th March, General.

=Melchers & Co. TRITOS, German steamer, 1,142, Bleicken, 24th April - Saigon 20th April Rice -- Ed. Schellhass & Co.

TANJORE, British steamer, 1,402, F. Speck, 24th April -Bombay 7th April, and Singapore 18th, General.-P. & O. S. N. Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE. Melita, German steamer, for Taku. Olympia, German steamer, for Singapore, Phra Chula Chom Klao, British steamer, lor Swatow, &c.

Activ. Danish steamer, for Holhow. Augusta, German bark, for Bangkok. Thales, British steamer, for Swatow, &c. Russia, Russian steamer, for Nagasaki.

ORPARTURKS. April 23. Wanderer, British sloop, for a cruise. April 23, Yangtsue, British str., for Whampoa. April 24, Declina, German steamer, for Saigon. April 24, J. B. Lay, French str., for Touron. April 24, Phra Chula Chem Klao, British str., for Swatow, &c

April 24, Thales, British str., for Swatow, &c. April 24, Melita, German steamer, for Taku. April 24, Olympia, German str., for Singapore. PASSENGERS-ARRIVED

Per Oxus, str., from Shanghai.-For Hongkong.-Mr. and Mrs. C. Jantzen and infant, Mr. L. C. de Rozario, and 3 Chinese. From Yokohama .- Mr. Grillo and infant: From Shanghai. -For Saigon.-Mr. Leberre. For Alexandria.-Mrs. Delmartre and infant. From Kobe For Marseilles-Messrs. Renard, Borgiotti, and

Per Venetia, str., from Shanghai.-For Hongkong.-Mrs. Harman and native servant, Mr. E. Burne, and 5 Chinese. For Bombay.-Mr. R. S. Raphael.

Per Fero, str., from Newchwang, &c .-- I Chi-Per Russia, str., from Odessa. -36 Europeans. Per Achilles, str., from Singapore, &c .- 365

Chinese, 16 women, and 21 children. Per Tritos, str., from Saigon.-52 Chinese. Per Tanjora, s.r., from Bombay.-For Hongkong.-Mr. F. B. Patel. From Singapore.-Messrs. J. E. Obadiah and servant, M. Frederick, and 114 Chinese (deck). From Bombay .-- For Shanghai.-Major Hammond. From Hombay. - For Yokohama. - Sergeant-General Dillon and Mr. Macleod Cameron. From Madras .- Rev.

Father Black. DEPARTED. Per Melita, str., for Taku.-I Chinese. Per Olympia, str., for Singapore.—12 Chi-

Per Phra Chula Chom Klao, str., for Swatow, &c .- 1 European and 200 Chinese. Per Thales, str., for Swatow, &c .- 300 Chi-

Per Venetia, str., from Hongkong.—For Singapore.-Mrs. Wong Shee, For London.-Mrs. Whittall, Mrs. Deacon, Captain G. F. Pinkey, and Private Green. From Shanghal.-For Saigon.-Mr. Leberre. For Alexandria.-Mrs. Delmartre and infant. From Kobe.-For Marseilles .- Messrs. Renard, Borgiotti, and Guerrieri. From Yokohama. For London. - Captain A. H. Whitehead, Messrs. C. B. Ricketts, C. C. Knight, and Y. H. Wilson. From Kobe.-For Bombay.-Messrs. L. Salt, Johnston, Nisbett, Gilchrist, Jones, E. E. Weightman, W. Berry. and 51 Chinese (deck). From Nagasaki,-For Penang.-Mrs. Kozuki.

Per Activ, str., for Holhow, -- 60 Chinese. Per Russia, str., for Nagasaki.-6 Europeans cabin), and 26 Europeans (deck).

REPORTS.

The British steamship Haiphong reports that she left Salgon on the 20th instant. Experienced light variable winds from north to south-southeast with fine weather throughout.

The British steamship Achilles reports that she left Liverpool on the 10th ultimo; arrived at Port Said on the 25th; left Sues on the 27th; arrived at Singapore on the 16th instant left again on the 18th, and arrived at Hongkong on the 24th. From Singapore experienced light winds and clear weather all the way.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG

STEAMERS."

ACTIV, Danish steamer, 355, Revsbeck, 22nd April,—Pakhol 19th April, and Holhow 21st, General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co. Ashington, British steamer, 856, Reynell, 21st April,-Saigon 16th April, Rice.-Wieler

BORMIDA, Italian steamer, 1,499, G. B. Daguino, 18th April,-Bombay, and Singapore 11th April, General, - Carlowitz & Co.

CHANGSHA, British, steamer, 1,464, J. E. Williams, 22nd April, -Sydney 29th March, Brisbane 31st, Townsville 3rd April, Cooktown 5th, Thursday Island 8th, and Port Darwin 13th, Coals and General.—Butterfield & Swire.

Yokohama on the 21st Instant, and is due here CHIMA, German steamer, 648, Ulderup, 13th Peng-chao-hai, Revenue cruiser, 4 guns, Chow April,-Haiphong 10th April, General.-Melchers & Co. CHINA, German ateamer, 1,093, P. Haye, 23rd

April,-Saigon 19th April, General.-Wieler CRUSADER, British steamer, 647, Ogston, 22nd April -Saigon 18th April, Rice -- Socy

DANUBE, British steamer, 361, H. W. Phillips. 22nd April - Huiphong 20th April, General - A. R. Marty.

HONGKONG-STEAMERS.

Continued. FAME, British steamer, 117, A. Stopani.—Hong-kong and Whampoa Dock Co. FIDELIO, German steamer, 852, H. Brock, 22nd april,-Chefoo 16th April, Beans,-Wieler

OKIKN, British steamer, 509. J. S. Roach, 19th April,-Tamsui 15th April, Amoy 16th, and Swatow 18th, General .- D. Lapraik & Co. FRISIA, British steamer, 2,082, Withycombe, 21st April,—London, and Singapore 15th April, General.-Russell & Co.

INDEPENDENT, German steamer, 871, Hasenwinkel, 22nd April,—Nagasaki 19th April, Coals.—Wieler & Co.

KILDARE, British steamer, 2,277, Johnson, 18th April,-Saigon 14th April, Rice,-Butterfield & Swire.

KUMAMGTO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,237, J. W. Ekstrand, 23rd April,—Kutchinotzu 18th April, Coals, -Mitsui Bussan Kaishia. LOMBARDY, British steamer, 1,570, . C. F. Preston, 23rd April,-Yokohama 14th April, Mails and General. P. & O. S. N. Co.

PRMPTOS, German steamer, 1,541, U. Johannsen, 20th April,-Bangkok 14th April, Rice.-Ed. Schellhass & Co. PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. WAI-TING, Chinese steamer, 393, Chang Shing, 17th April,—from Tamsui.—Order. ZAFIRO, British steamer, 675, R. M. Talbot, 22nd April,-Manila 19th April, General,-

SAILING VESSELS.

Russell & Co.

AUGUSTE, German bark, 1,396, Schumacher. 31st March, Cardiff 7th November, Coals-CENTENNIAL American ship, 1,222, J. M.

Bearse, 27th Jan .- New York 18th Sept. Kerosene Oil.—Russell & Co.

COLUMBUS, German ship, 1,429, L. Haesloop, 11th April,-Singapore 9th March, Timber.

ERLKOENIG, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination hulk, Stonecutters' Island.-Chinese Customs.

F. H. DREWS, German steamer, 624, A. H. Rothbart, 15th April, -Bangkok 6th March, Rice.—Chinese. H. PRINTZENBERG, German bark, 550, H

Ahrens, 17th April,-Honolulu 5th March, General.-Melchers & Co.

KITY, British bark, 803. Laud, 20th August,-Manila 10th August, Sugar and Hemp .-Captain. LADY HAREWOOD, British bark, 382, T. H.

March. General.-Master. LOONGWHA, British 3-m. schooner, 274, S. A. Lord, 18th April,—Gorontalo (Celebes), 8th March, Raitans and Ebony Wood.—Ed.

Williams, 19th April,-Honolulu 11th

Scheilhass & Co. Mount Lebanon, American bark, 530, Chas. H Nelson, 17th April,—Rajang, Borneo 18th March, Timber.—Arnhold, Kärberg

& Co. PACTOLUS, American ship, 1,144, H. D. Burnham, 20th April,-Shanghai 11th April, Ballast.—Pustau & Co. PENSHAW, British bark, 729, Geo. Parker,

31st March,-Pitogo 23rd March, Timber,-Lane, Crawford & Co. SANTA FILOMENA, Spanish steamer, 449 J. de Mendiguren, 24th Jan.,-Ilolio 31st Dec.,

General-Kwong Cheong Tai. TITAN, American ship, 1,276, Allyn, 28th Jan. -New York 28th August, Kerosene Oil.-

Russell & Co TETUAN, German bark, 438, Röper, 1st April,-Singapore 29th January, Hardwood and Timber.-Chinese.

RIVER STEAMERS.

Fatshan, British steamer. 2,260, W. E. Clarke, -Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat

Hankow, British steamer, 2,235, Lloyd,-Butterfield & Swire.

Ho-nam, Britishsteamer, 1,377, G.B. Lefavour.-Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co. Kiu-kiang, Britishsteamer, 617, S. W. Goggin .--Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steam-boat Co.

Klung-chow, British steamer, 159, E. Gaine, -Hougkong, Canton, & Macso Steamboat Pasig, Chinese steamer, 284, G. W. Wright.-

Kiang-ping, Chinese steamer, 360, Holmes .-China Merchants S. N. Co.

Powan, British steamer, 1,890, J. P. Hoyland, -Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steam-boat

White Cloud, British steamer, 527, W. J. Risby.
-Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steam-boat

WHAMPOA

FOOKSANG, British steamer, 991, H. W. Hogg, 21st April,-Shanghai 17th April, and Swatow 20th, General.-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,504, Croad, 21st April,—Shanghai 18th April, General.—

C. M. S. N. Co. YANGTEZE, British steamer, 814, Tonningsen, 22nd April,-Shanghai 19th April, General. -Siemssen & Co.

CANTON GUNBOAT SQUADRON.

Chên-jui, Revenue cruiser, 3 guns, Chinese Chên-to, Viceroy's gunboat, 7 guns, Chinese,

Ching-tsing, Viceroy's gunboat, 4 guns, Chinese Canton. Chop-chung, Revenue cruiser,-Li Tack Ming. Hai-ch'ang-ching, Revenue cruiser, 3 guns, Wu

Jul Ch'ang, Canton. Hai-king-ching, Viceroy's gunboat, 3 guns, Ho Pung Shu, Canton, Hus-shan, Viceroy's gunboat, 2 guns; Canton.

Kin-wai, Chinese gunboat, Canton. Nin-chai, Chinese gunboat, Captain Sz Chungtai, Hongkong.

Shoi, Hongkong. Shen-chi, Revenue cruiser, 5 guns, Sau Tsung Tai, Capsingmoon.

Sun-kee, Chinese gunboat, Captain Cheong Yow-shi, Canton. Tsing-po, Viceroy's 6 guns, Chinese Captain,

Yu-min. Viceroy's gunboat. 1 guns.

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Alacrity, despatch-vessel, 1,400 tons, 3,180 h-p., Audacious, battle-ship (armoured), and-class,

6,010 tons, 4,830 h-p., 18 guns, Captain J. B. Warren, Flag of Commander-in-Chief, Cockchafer, gunbont, 2nd-class, 460 tons, 470 Boteler, Shanghai.

Constance, cruiser, 3rd-class, 2,380 tons, 2,590, h-p., 14 guns, Captain L. C. Keppel, Hong-

Cordelia, cruiser, 3rd-class, 2,380 tons, 2,420 h-p., 10 guns, Captain H. H. Boys, Shanghai. Esk, gunboat, 3rd-class, Coast Defence, 363 tons, 340 h-p., 3 guns, Gunner W. Weeks, Hongkong, in reserve. Espoir, gunboat, and-class, 465 tons, 470 h-p.,

4 guns, Lieutenant-Comdr. R. Y. Smith, Firebrand, gunboat, and-class, 455 tons, 460 h-p., 4 guns, Lieutenant-Comdr. J. Denison, Manila, re-commissioning.

Heroine, cruiser, 3rd-class, 1,420 tons, 1,130 h-p., 8 guns, Captain Charles J. Ballour, Hongeander, cruiser, 2nd-class, 3,750 tons, 5,500 h-p., 10 guns, Captain M. J. Dunlop, Japan.

Linnet, gun-vessel, and-class, 756 tons, 1,050 h-p., 5 guns, Commander W. H. Marrack, Hongkong, Merlin, gunboat, 2nd-class, 430 tons, 430 h-p., guns, Lieut: Comdr. W. H. Maturin, Hongkong.

Mutine, sloop, 1.130 tons, 1,120 h-p., 10 guns, 300 P.M.-Reception of Parcels ceases. Commander J. H. Martin, Hongkong. Rambler, surveying-vessel, 830 tons, 600 h-p., 3 guns, Commander W. A. Moore, Hong- 2.00 P.M. Posting of Prices Current and Cir-

Rattler, gunboat, 1st-class, 670 tons, 1,200 h-p., 6 guns, Lieutenant-Commander W. H. M Dougall, Hongkong,

Sapphire, cruiser, 3rd-class, 1,970 tons, 2,360 h-p., 12 guns, Captain W. C. Karslake, atellite, cruiser, 3rd-class, 1,420 tons, 7,400,

h-p., 8 guns, Captain T. P. W. Nesham, Swift, gun-vessel, and-class, 750 tons, 1,010 h-p., guns, Commander A. C. B. Bromley. Hongkong, re-commissioning.

Tweed, gunboat, Coast Defence, 3rd-class, 36 tons, 340 h-p., 3 guns, Boatswain J. M. Shea, Hongkong, in reserve. Victor_Emanuel,_receiving-ship,=5,157-tons,-ao-

guns, Commodore W. H. Maxwell, A.D.C., Hongkong. Wivern, Coast Defence ship (armoured), 2,750 tons, 1,450 h-p., 4 guns, Gunner D. W

Hawkins, Hongkong, in reserve. Wanderer, sloop, 925 tons, 750 h-p., 4 guns, Commander G. A. Giffard, on a cruise, re-commissioning.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA STATION.

Aragon, Spanish cruiser Captain D. E. Zulnaga, Manila. Aspic, French gunboat, Commander Rupe, Aurora, Austrian corvette, 4 guns, Captain Muller,

Whampoa.

Bismarck, German corvette, Captain Kuhn, Nagasaki. Bobre, Russian cruiser, 13 guns, Captain Menschikoff, Nagasaki. Brooklyn, American corvette, 14 guns, Captain Byron Wilson, Shanghai. Carola, German corvette, Commander Ash-

Comète, French man-oi-war, 483, Commander Martel, Hoihow. Chasseur, French gunboat, Captain Le Gorrèc. Dimitry Donskoy, Russian frigate, 20 guns,

Captain N. Scruydloff, Nagasaki.

Osteletsky, Japan.

Essex, American corvette, Captain T. F. Jewell, Iltis, German gunboat, Lieutenant von Erikstedt, Itanits, American man-of-war, Nagasaki. Koreyetz, Russian corvette, 1,238, Captain

Monocacy, American gunboat, 6 guns, 750 h.p. Commander Glass, Yokohama. Morge, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander, Moltsoff, Corea. Nayezdnik, Russian corvette, o guns, Captain Zarin, Nagasaki. Nautilus, German gunboat, 4 guns, Captain

von Hoven, on a cruise, Omaha, American corvette, Captain T. O. Selfredge, 12 guns, Nagasaki. Palos, American gunboat, 6 guns, 500 h.p., Lieut. Commander Nelson, Yokohama.

Parseval, French cruiser, Foret, Nagasaki. Primauguet, French corvette, 2,200, Captain Veron, Shanghai. Rio Lima, Portuguese gunboat, 539, Commander Santa Barbara, Macao. Rynda, Russian corvette, Captain Avellan,

Sevooch, Russian cruiser, Captain Yourieff, Vladivostock. Sobol, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Boyle, Vladivostock. Sophie, German corvette, Nagasaki.

Turenne, French frigate, Captain Dupuis, Nagasaki. Velasco, Spanish corvette, Captain Friqueras, Vipère, French gunboat, Commander de Ma-

rolles, Shanghai. Vitias, Russian corvette, 10 guns, Captain Makaroff, Japan. Wolf, German gunboat, Captain on a cruise.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Singapore.—Per Pemptos, to-morrow, the 25th instant, at 11.30 A.M. For Swatow, Amoy, & Tamsul .- Per Fokien, to-morrow, the 25th instant, at 11.30 A.M. For Amoy and Manila. - Per Zafiro, to-morrow, the 25th instant, at 3:30 P.M. For Saigon,-Per Crusader, to-morrow, the

25th instant, at 3.30 P.M. For Europe, &c., Australia, Madras, and Calculta.-Per Oxus, on Thursday, the 26th instant, at 11.00 A.M. For Shanghai - Per Fooksang, on Thursday,

the 20th instant, at 3.30 P.M. For Straits and Hombay. Per Bormida, on Friday, the 27th instant, at 9.30 A.M. For Straits and Bombay .- Per Tanjore, on Saturday, the 28th instant, at 5.00 P.M. For Yokohama and San Francisco.—Per City.

For Straits and Calcutta .- Per Taisang, on Thursday, the 3rd May, at 2.30 P.M. For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama Per Hydaspes, on Monday, the 7th May, at 5.00

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET. The French Contract Packet Oxus will be lespatched on THURSDAY, the 26th inst., with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, vid Marseilles; to Saigon, Straits 4 guns, Commander R. Blair Maconochie, Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, Madras, alcutta, the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar. The usual hours will be observed in closing

the Mails, &c. The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Covers containing Bank Notes, h.p., 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander H. H. Coin, or Jewellery, and, where Registration has been neglected; will make no enquiries into alleged losses of such covers.

> HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT THE FRENCH MAILS.

> Day before Departure. 5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours. Day of Departure.

7 A.M., Post Office opens. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. 10.30 A.M., Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases. 11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Leiters,

11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until 11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely. 11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until

time of departure.

THE ENGLISH MAIL. Two Days before Departure. Day before Departure. 2.00 P.M. -- Money Order Office closes.

culars ceases. (Prices Current and Circulars may, however, be posted up to 4 o'clock if they are tied in bundles. country by country, with the addresses all one

Those for the United Kingdom must be divided into (1) London, (2) England and Wales, (3) Scotland, (4) Ireland; those for Germany into (t) Hamburg, (2) other places in Germany. 4.00 P.M.-Registry deases.

5.00 P.M. - Mail closes. LATE CORRESPONDENCE may then be posted in the Night Box at the Post Office with 10 cents late fee on each article up to 9 P.M. after which hour it may be sent on board with the same late fee.

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Value is required with each parcel. The form is supplied free. To INDIA. - By P. & O. and Indian Mail packet only. A declaration of Contents and Value is required. The form is supplied free.

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under 4 oz. weight are charged 5 cents. SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS. commissioned Officers,* Bandmasters, School masters (not Superintending or First Class) Writers, or School-mistresses may send halfounces letters to the United Kingdom by the English Mail at the rate of two cents (one penny) each, or by the French Mail at the rate of four cents (two pence) each. The postage It has an extensive circulation in all Ports must be prepaid in Hongkong Stamps.

such as India, Malta, &c., the postage is 2 cents one penny).
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THE LATE MR. RUSSELL BROOKE ROBERTSON, C.M.G.

The death of Mr. Russell Brooke Robertson, which occurred on the morning of the 10th inst., from heart disease, is justly felt as a great blow, by all his countrymen in Japan; and the feeling of universal sorrow has been intensified by the suddenness of the event. Returning with well-deserved honours from home to resume, in a position of high responsibility, his official duties in Japan, he was received by the British Community of Yokohama with a warmth of welcome which bore testimony to the high appreciation in which his past services were held. The hope then entertained by all that a long career of useful work might be yet before him has been rud-ly shattered by the hand of death. To few men is it given to be esteemed so widely as an official and as a friend. The first few years of his official career, -begun at an early age,were passed in stirring times, which called forth the many sterling qualities of his character and fitted him for the responsibilities attached to the rapid promotion which he gained. His appointment as Consul in 1871 brought him into close official relations with the late Sir Harry Parkes, and between these two, who in their intense. patriotism and devotion to duty had much common, the warmest friendship was formed To a breadth of view rarely found in those whose duties lie for long in the same field of labour, Mr. Robertson united that natural love of work which is the secret of success, and the quiet courage which welcomes responsibility. Perhaps, however, the quality for which he will be best remembered is the sterling commonsense which characterized all his official actions. Like his late colleague Mr. Zappe, with whom he was always in the closest accord, Robertson worked untiringly, not alone for his own countrymen, but on behalf of the whole foreign community of Yokohama. 'As a British official he made the interests of his country his one aim, and the record of the progress of British Trade in Japan is in one sense the story of his life. Grieved as we must all be that one whom we could so ill afford to lose should be cut off thus suddenly in the prime of life, and that a career so rich in promise and so fraught with usefulness should be thus prematurely stopped, there-is-some comfort in the reflection that he died, as he would have wished to die, at his post, amongst those by whom he was best known, and best loved, and in the place for which he has done so much. The coffin was conveyed from the house shortly fourteen days. before four o'clock to Christ Church, being preceded by a consular officer bearing the deceased's Orders and a stretcher bearing many wreaths and attended by the chief mourners and | Colonial Secretary's Office, pall-bearers, and a small haval escort. It had been announced that a service would take place at four o'clock in the Church, and that building was in consequence crowded by those who had attended to take part in the last sad offices. The coffin, on being removed from the hearse, was

met by the Consular Body, borne into the church to the strains of Chopin's Funeral March, most feelingly played by Miss Leach on the organ, and set down in front of the screen of the chancel, where it remained while the service was conducted. The preliminary offices were performed by Archdeacon Shaw. The beautiful frymn "For ever with the Lord" was then sung by the choir, and, by Mrs. Robertson's request, was joined in by the large congregation with most touching and solemn effect. Rev. Mr. Irwine then addressed the mourners in an eloquent funeral discourse.

At the conclusion of the service the coffin was taken up, carried out, and placed in the hearse, and thereafter the funeral cortege started for the cemetery. It had been felt highly desirable that the obsequies should be participated in by an English naval contingent, and therefore telegrams were sent to Yokkaichi and Kobe in the hope of intercepting H.M.S. Leander, which left this port last Saturday. But from some cause the message failed to reach its destination-at any rate in sufficient time-and as a result the Leander did not, return, but the British Navy was represented by the presence of the chiefs of H.B.M.'s Naval Establishments in Yokohama, namely, Mr. Dixon, of the Naval Depôt, and Dr. Cox, of the Naval Hospital. The bands of the U.S.S. Monocacy and the French frigate Turenne came on shore, accompanied by detachments of sailors, and escorted the coffin to the cemetery. They were drawn up opposite the church lining the road, and on the coffin being placed in the hearse, the band and men from the Turenne fell in front and formed the head of the cortége, being preceded by a file of pioneers. The procession was arranged as follows:-

Band of Turenne. po Sallore from Turenne. Band of Menocacy. to Sallors from Monocaty. Deceased's Orders borne by Mr. Hongus. Subordinate Consular Officers. The Hearsn. The Pall-bearers, Messrs, Thomas, Caurenshaun, E. B. JAMES, and MACPHERSON.

Chief mourners : The Hon, P. LE PORR TRENCH, and Messrs. Ross, J. CARRY HALL and F. LOWDSE.
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Deputation from the Yokohama United Club.

Amongst the Japanese dignitaries and officials represented at the funeral were His Highness Prince Komatsu, by Mr. Sannomiya Yoshitane, Secretary of the Imperial Household Department; Count Okuma and Viscount Aoki, Minister and Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, by Count Anenokoji, Private Secretary; Count Salgo, Minister of Marine, by Captain Kawamura of the Imperial Navy : Viscount Mishima, Superintendent General of Metropolitan Police, &c. Amongst the officials present were His Excellency Oki Morikata, Governor of Kanagawa Ken, and Mr. Mitsuhnshi; Foreign Secretary of the Kenchoj Judge Okamura, President of the Yokohama Saibansho, Mr. Kusano, Public Prosecutor; and-Mr.-Arishima, Superintendent of Customs. The English Law School of the Capital was represented, not only by its President, Mr. Masujima Rokuichiro, but also by two large floral standards in ancient Japanese style. Amongst the numerous wreaths adorning the bier, the most conspicuous were those of Prince

Komatsu and of the Consular Corps. The number of the community who walked behind the hearse was very large, probably indeed greater than has ever appeared on any similar. occasion in Yokohama. The cortege proceeded by way of Awacho or Church Street to the Bund, thence past the Grand Hotel to and across the Yatobashi, and thence by way of Camp Hill to the cemetery. Outside, the naval detachments formed up on one side, and the hearse advanced. to the gate, where the coffin was removed and carried to the grave. The usual short service was then performed and very soon the last offices scudered to the deceased were concluded

The following are Mr. Robertson's services :-Robertson, Russell Brooke, c.w.c., v.n.c.s., was appointed a Student Interpreter in Japan, February 4, 1860; passed an examination, February 25, 1860; was appointed an Assistant in 1863; 3rd Assistant at Nagasaki, April 1, 1864, and 2nd Assistant April 28, 1866. Was Acting Vice-Consul at Osaka in 1868. Was promoted to be 1st Assistant at Hiogo, July 8, 1869. Was appointed . Her 'Majesty's Vice-Consul at Year 11, 1870; and promoted to be Consul, May v. 1871. Was in charge of the Vice-Consulate at Vedo from July so till Atteust 11, 1871. Was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple, May 11, 1881. Was Acting Judge for Japan from July 28, 1881, to February 1, 1883.— Japan Mail.

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GOVERNMENT-NOTIFICATION, No. 1717

TNFORMATION has been received from HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S CONSUL at San On Thursday afternoon the remains of the Francisco that all Vessels arriving there from deceased were interred in the General Cemetery. Hongkong will be placed in quarantine for By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary. Hongkong, 24th April, 1888.

OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

A N EMERGENCY MEETING of the above named Lodge will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at 5 for 5.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting viz.:-Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 24th April, 1888.

ZETLAND

No. 525.

N EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL Zetland Street, on THURSDAY NEXT, the 26th April, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 24th April, 1888.

Masonic.

REGULAR MEETING of the above named Lodge will be held in FREEMA-SONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW, the 25th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Hongkong, 20th April, 1888.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. GEORGE DIXWELL FEARON was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st January, 1888. DEACON & Co.

Canton, 2nd April, 1888.

NOTICE TAR M. GROTE has this day been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm. CHATER & VERNON. Hongkong, 1st January, 1888.

Insurances.

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By Command. FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office,

published for general information.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1888. Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 30th day of April. 1888, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Sixteen Lots of CROWN LAND, at Saiyingp'un, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999

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DOUGLAS JONES, Acting Secretary.

THE NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

be held at the Head Office, TO-MORROW, the 25th April, 1888, at HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK. P.M., for the presentation of the Report of the Directors and Accounts to the 31st December, of Directors and Auditors for the current year, and the transaction of any other business which may be transacted at an ordinary General

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payment for and for delivering prepaid goods" for which HER MAJESTY'S ROYAL LETTERS PATENT have been duly granted

and Drawinger required herein by Ordinance No. 14 of 1802 have been filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it is the intention of the said PEPCIVAL EVERITT by WILLIAM WOTTON, his duly authorized Attorney, to apply at the Sitting of the Exective Council, hereinaster mentioned,

be held in the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, Victoria, Hongkong, on the 25th

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Hongkong, 20th April, 1888.

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HONOKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1888.

Tak importance of the functions of Intercannot be over-estimated. At least sevenand unavoidable necessity in this Eastern the written and spoken native language. modern Babel of ours. Every one will see the danger of employing in such immediately organized. It is a standing, positions men who have a mere super- inexcusable disgrace that such a body is ficial acquaintance with the prevalent not already in existence. The want of dialects. Specialisation in linguistic such a body of public servants has been acquaintance with several languages, even improve, and as our intercourse wi though belonging to different families, them increases. To begin with, is well within the limits of possibility; should mainly consist of Eurasians, or but without knowing the grammars of English lads who have been brought of these languages, without being up in the colony, but who in every case thoroughly conversant with the various should be thoroughly familiar with the laws on which these grammars are based, spoken Chinese dialects, and capable of all true comparison between their idioms understanding the meaning of the most and special modes of expression, and rapidly uttered phrases, without which an consequently, all trustworthy, reliable interpreter is of no value whatever. They interpretation, are quite out of the question. | should be thoroughly and carefully trained We would almost lay it down as a cardinal in both English and Chinese. Their whole principle for guidance that all oral inter- course of training should extend over pretation should be carried out by those period of four or five years, two at least ofwho speak the language dealt with from which should be spent in the interior, where birth, or at least, who are so thoroughly not only should a more perfect acquaintfamiliar with it that they unconsciously ance with colloquial be cultivated, but think in it. We first learn to speak a the easier classics and ordinary newspaper foreign language; afterwards to under- literature should be assiduously studied. stand others. Speaking is comparatively The remainder of the training should be easy, because we are always at liberty to spent in Hongkong; and Inasmuch as these

standing a rapid conversation taken at In English subjects. Periodic examinations, hazard between native Chinese. We are half-yearly, say, should test the progress quite certain that we could number those of the student, and the initial salary should able to undertake such a feat, on the fingers | be modified by the total number of marks of one hand, and then have several fingers gained throughout the course of study. to spare. And yet such ready facility is The chief and second positions in such a absolutely necessary in an efficient interpreter. We will endeavour to point out a officials, whose salaries should be. few of the essential qualifications which proportion with the difficulties to be every good interpreter should possess. He overcome in acquiring the requisite and should be a fluent, easy speaker, able to divine the incompleted meaning or the half- demand. uttered sentence of momentary embarrass. ment, stimulating and awakening his Hon. A. P. MacEwen's question on the native listener by unceasing variety of Interpretation question at the last meeting Karberg & Co.) that the China Shippers' Mutual tone and gesture; ever on the alert. He of the Legislative Council and we trust is a word-juggler; his ear is ever stretched that the honourable member is not going be expected on or about the 39th inst. towards the end of a phrase that his mouth, to leave the matter until he has effected has already begun to translate, seeking to some radical reform; but we were discover obscurities of meaning, to read greatly disappointed with the unsatisthoughts in looks; he should without factory reply which it elicited, We difficulty be able to detect the servility, give His Excellency Sir Grozce Des perfidy, dissimulation and cunning that he Votux credit for seeing much largification. is sure to encounter in the course of ahead than our last Governor, and his duties—all hidden and veiled more we sincerely hope that he is giving or less successfully according to the this matter his most earnest and serious. character of the witness he has in hand; attention. This is not the first time that he appreciates exactly the value of words we have spoken about the want of proper. and phrases, weighs the meanings of encouragement on the part of the Governsynonyms to the smallest fraction of an ment towards its servants in the matter of cunce, and measures the dublous and Chinese studies. Able and competent men.

used by others, retreat is impossible.

and you will soon see whom he fears most:. interpreter.

work of a life-time. Those who have own that this sloth-like movement or exaggeration, it is one of the most significant but not very generally known inflections which to the unpractised car pure offered no real inducements to underpretation in the Civil Service of Hongkong | convey no meaning whatever, but which | take the work. We would again point to the initiated and trained convey diffe- out the discreditable and anomalous eighths of the population of the Island rences which mean everything; final inconsistency of expecting men to tackle speak Cantonese or other Southern particles alone, interrogative, affirmative, such a barren and difficult study Chinese dialocts; the comaining eighth is negative, assertive, and the like, are a very Chinese, without hope of future recompense. composed of people speaking, in the sum, nightmare to the ardent and enthusiastic all the languages of Europe, with a fair | beginner. No study could offer more | contempt and indifference with which sprinkling of those of Asia. English, of | numerous or more appalling obstructions; | course, is spoken by the majority of this | the pathway is never smooth; it bristles | in this all-important respect. In India, clatter eighth; the remainder of it either with difficulties at the very outset, it is in both the Civil and Military Services, speak our language or understand it thorny to the very end. We are not a knowledge of vernacular tongues sufficiently for ordinary purposes; that is speaking enigmatically when we say that carries with it increased substantive they are well enough versed in that the character or book language is easier pay; in Algiers the study of Arabic and wretched mongret monstrosity termed to grapple with than colloquial. We Berber dialects is similarly promoted by "pidgin English" - an ungrammatical could give several notable instances to the French authorities; the same holds conglomeration of vocables, and construct exemplify this fact. We are acquainted good in Tonquin; in Egypt too, high tions culled from all manner of linguistic with people in this Colony who, in a not pecuniary rewards are offered to officers sources, and forming a jingling jargon altogether incorrect sense, might be and soldiers alike to induce them to gain as execuable as the lingua-franca prevalent termed Chinese scholars, who can read in the Levant and on the Mediterranean ordinary native literature, ancient and shores generally. The native section of modern with fair ease, but who openly acquired possession, the Indian Governthe community quickly acquire remark- confess their inability to sustain a converable fluency in this bastard English; sation on every day topics in Cantonese, yet, at the Magistracy and in the who in point of fact, candidly admit Supreme Court, we frequently see these that they are utterly and wholly incapable. yery men glib and fluent enough behind of distinguishing one tone from another their counters require the help of the -who as interpreters would be worse interpreter; in fact, although apparently | than useless. Those of our readers who able to converse in English, refusing to are in any way competent to judge in speak otherwise than in their native the matter, will fully concur with us in our language. Interpreters then are a strict statement as to the relative difficulty of

attainments, as in every other branch of sorely felt on several recent occasions; human knowledge, is the prominent and this, want must continue to assert avoid a word or phrase that is unintellig- youths would be Government servants ible; but, when that word or phrase is they should, while in Hongkong, be attached as students to the Central School, We should like to know how many Civil | where they should be afforded every | Servants in this Colony are capable of under- facility for receiving a sound grounding the National Liberal Club and it is hinted that department ought to be held by English suitable knowledge that such positions.

We were extremely pleased to note the

puzzling shades of the moodless, tenseless; have, on more than one occasion, been flexionless Chinese verb with all the nicety practically driven out of the Civil Service and accuracy of a careful mathematician; by this regrettable lack offostering encourhe should be equally conversant with agement. It must be fully six months since Chinese and English, and be able to pass the Commissioners drew up their report on from either to the other with equal case the subject of Interpretation, a report which, and confidence. Moreover, he should be a at the time, we criticised at no incondignified and well paid servant, as siderable length; yet, up to date, no becoming the heavy responsibilities which active steps have been taken to remove the rest in him. Watch the native witness, grave defects it complained of. Such dilatoriness is positively shameful; one of not the judge, nor the magistrate, but the the young men favourably mentioned in the report has already quitted the Civil Service It is horribly difficult to speak for another, where his special attainments idiomatically, accurately and smoothly in | are certain to meet with quicker and any Chinese dialect; such a task is the ampler reward We ourselves frankly not attempted the subject can have no altogether incomprehensible to us; and no faintest idea of the countless stumbling. possible object is to be gained by it. We blocks that stand in the way. Without doubt | have previously drawn attention to the difficult linguistic tasks that could be set. facts that the cadet system originally Not only has the language no grammar instituted to supply the colony with an in the accepted Western sense of the word, efficient staff of interpreters has failed to but it has tones -those gymnastic vocal fulfil its purposed end; and that non-cadets Hongkong stands absolutely alone in the

it regards the action of its servants some acquaintance with Arabic and kindred languages; in Burmah, our latest ment actually offered a premium of £200 sterling to any of its, servants for the acquisition of Chinese, with the prospect of subsequent valuable appointments; in the Straits Settlements. colloquial proficiency in Malay or Chinese brings with it increased salary; at the Cape, a knowledge of the Kaffir or Zulu tongues is substantially rewarded; in the neighbouring Dutch colonies, knowledge the native languages enhances and officer's value in the eyes of his Government; in the Imperial Chinese Customs Service, the greater a man's attainments An Interpretation Corps ought to be are in this respect, the greater are his chances of early and rapid promotion. Such marks of approval are only just and right, since the increased knowledge referred to in each particular instance necessarily brings with it added usefulness. Promotion in the Hongkong Civil Service is the nominal reward for proficiency idea of the present time. A fair itself as our relations with the Chinese Chinese studies; we repeat, the nominal not the actual reward; for we have instances in our mind's eye, of officers who I the difficulty is so slight, why not remove it altohave been diligent servants for quite a number of years, and who are likewise fair and capable students of Chinese, in spite of the constant discouragement which they have uniformly encountered, learning a little about his country's treaty and yet who are, for all practical purposes no better off than when they first entered the Colony! This is plainly not as it should be; and our excellent and enlightened Governor should do all that is in his power to wipe away these serious blemishes. The planets are the most brilliant objects in the midnight sky; the firmament of of our local Civil-Service is set with both fixed_stars and planets, i.r., those who. shine with their own, and those who shine with reflected light; unfortunately the latter class is by far the more numerous and prominent of the two.

TELEGRAMS. (Router:)

POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE. LONDON, 20th April. The House of Commons has read a second

time the Local Government Bill. he will possibly enter the Cabinet.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE British gunboat Espoir, Lieut-Commander R. Y. Smith, arrived yesterday from Canton,

THE agent of the Messagerics Maritimes Co. courteously informs us that the Company's steamship Djemnak, with the next French mail left Saigon yesterday at 11 p.m. for this port.

An Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge No. 618, S.C., will be keld in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Friday, the 27th instant, at 5 for \$.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

WE are informed by the Agents (Messre, Arnhold S. N. Co.'s steamer Dopack, from Liverpool left Singapore for this port last night, and may

WE would draw attention to the alterations the departure of the Pacific Mail steamer for San Francisco wid Yokohama. The City of Sydney will be despatched on Wednesday, May and at 1 p.m.; and the O. & O. S. S. Co. Oceanic, on Thursday, May toth at the same

THERE will be an Emergency meeting of Zetland Lodge, No. 525, in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Thursday, the 26th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially

THE Messageries Maritimes are constructing at La Clotat a new steamer of improved design, named the Australien, 500 feet long. Her boilers will carry 228 pounds steam pressure to the square inch.

THE Italian Government has just made a contract for five sea-going torpedo-boats to have a speed of 261 knots, and for five to have a speed of 23 knots. If the faster vessels answer expectations ten will be ordered in all.

THE Fire Brigade competition was concluded this afternoon on the Praya road in rear of the City Hall buildings. We hear the prize-winners are legion, and that the distribution of the trophies awarded them will be held in the course of this week.

WE hear the cargo-boat men on strike have. sent in a petition to H. E. the Governor through the Registrar General, setting forth their reasons for refusing to be photographed and asking that they may be allowed to dispense with the recent injunction. Nothing has so far transpired as to is Excellency's decision on the matter,

Two young Chinamen described as boardinghouse runners but whose enterprise appears to have exceeded thier sagacity were to-day charged before Mr. Wodehouse with boarding the steamer Achiller before she had made fast to her buoy and thereby infringing one of the most important harbour ordinances. The prisoners did not deny the hard impeachment, and were fined ten dollars

THE British cruiser Leander arrived at Kobe on the 12th inst. from Yokohama. The U.S. corvette Juniata lest Kobe on the 13th instant for Nagasaki. The German men-of-war Bismarck, Carola and Sophie left Kobe for Yokohama on the 15th inst. The French gunboat Parseval arrived at Yokohama from Kobe on the 13th instant. The U.S. flagship Brooklyn, which arrived at Shanghai from Amoy, reports experiencing rough weather-up

SAYS the Japan Mail:-- The Communications Department notifies that the Captain of the steamer Parthia has reported that on the 20th of March at 7 p.m. the vessel touched a shoal situated to the south of the Kanabuse Buoy in the Straits street. Some who succeeded in getting of Nagato, As the steamer was running at a considerable speed, it was not possible to take accurate bearings, but, roughly speaking, the shoal is about 200 feet from the Kanabuse Buoy. It is presumed that the shoal is a new one, similar to that of Tobigasu, but-investigations will be made, and in the meantime navigators are warned to be cautious.

Japanese Government service who wishes to live outside of Tsukiji can do so in the easiest way by becoming the employe of a Japanese. A simple form," filled in by the latter, and submitted to the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and to the Governor of Tôkyô, does the rest. If. gether? The Japan Mail says it has heard of a good many funny proposals by amateur politicians in that country, but for pure simplemindedness the above suggestion certainly stood alone. If its author would only take the trouble of relations, he would probably not be very long in finding out the absurdity of the step he has advocated.

DURING the last year the grand total of Metropolitan (London) Charities amounted to £4.579,506 amongst which the largest sums were 24 Foreign Missions £865.791; 56 Home of the Paris Opera, Comique. The Banquet prepared a large pit in the yard behind their Missions £562,669; 158 Pensions and Institutions Theatre, which was destroyed on Tuesday shop, and as soon as the alarm of fire was given for the aged £438,889; £8 Institutions for Education £414.543; 17 General Hospitals £325,405; 93 Institutions for General Relief £309,208; only place of public amusement worth speaking | burned, -Chinese Times. 4 Bible Societies £203:637.; 13 Home and of, and is very well managed, so far as entertain-Foreign Missions 2230.637 1 100 Voluntary ments go. Homes £163,405; 56 Orphanages £179,043;

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The subjoined items of news ex the San Pablo are extracted from Japan and Shanghai

Paris, March 18th. nounced for Clermont-Ferrand. La Liberti says

permission to reside in Paris

Recent parties visiting the volcano of Popocatapeti report increasing activity in the The performance was a benefit one, and the forfeited and such right of return to the crater with clouds of smoke and sulphurous, programme very attractive, so that there was United States, shall be exercised within one fumes. Reports from Central America show that not an empty place in the house. All the year from the date of leaving the United States.

residents on Wednesday next.

PARIS, March 10th. Messieurs Vacher and Laport, members of the Chamber of Deputies, have joined the Boulanger National Protest Committee.

At most of the Communist meetings held yesterday in : celebration of the proclamation of the Commune, General Boulanger was denounced The Radical Congress, Department of Aude, has rejected the proposal to run General Boulanger as a candidate for the Chamber of Deputies. In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, De Cassagnac demanded permission to question the

Government in regard to the case of General Premier Tirard fixed the discussion for tomorrow, because he said, the Government had decided to adopt fresh measures in the Boulanger

BERLIN, March 19th. Emperor Frederic gave special audience today to the representatives of China, Japan and Turkey.

NEW YORK, March 21st. The Sun's Berlin special of March 20 says The populace make a great demonstration over the new Crown Prince, and his name is being discussed in all the councils of Europe as the coming 'firebrand.' He hates the English and the Jews, and many Germans reflect his opinions. Once, at San Remo, while visiting his sick father, the royal party went to church. His mother attempted to take William's arm, but he rudely put her aside, saying that he represented the Emperor and would walk alone. A cartoon published there to-day depicts William armed with a sword, climbing up the throne, while his father waves him off, saying, 'Not yet.'

LISBON, March 21st. There was a dreadful fire last night at the Banquet Theatre in Oporto. It was a repetition. whatever trouble comes will not be of their own of the history of all theatre fires. The house causing. They say the half-breeds tell them was crowded to suffocation. There were inadequate means of exit, and in the terrible have to do as they are bidden. Some others struggles the people made in their efforts to reach the street scores were trampled under an uprising in the south, an event which they foot and severely injured. At least 100 people are pretty sure will occur, when they feel by were burned to death, so far as can be found at present. The examination of the smouldering ruins and the actual loss of life will not be known for some days: The third tier of boxes and the gallery above were packed with people, and only a few escaped.

The debris is surrounded by weeping people whose relatives were asphyxiated or burned to death. The hospital and private houses are filled with persons severely injured. Many were fatally injured in their struggle to reach the safely, died afterwards from vomiting blood, Many frightened people leaped from windows and were killed by the fall: Only a partial search of the auditorium and boxes has been made yet, but the firemen and the citizens' relief corps are constantly bringing out charred bodies. So far as is yet known, the loss of life was entirely among the audience, and all the company

.. The fire was caused by some disarrangement of the gas in the flies during the third act. The flames, swept over the upper part of the house first, giving the people in the galleries no chance to escape, while the spectators on the lower tiers reached the street in comparative safety. Somebody shut off the gas shortly after the fire was discovered in the hope of checking its spread, but it only left the theatre and exits in almost total darkness, and increased the panic,

The light woodwork of the galleries was soon a roaring blaze. All the doors of the theatre opened inward, and all were closed when the tea-store, the Tien Tai tobacco shop, Watson & alarm was given. The threatre holds 2,200 Co.'s dispensary, the T'ung Lin T'ang drug store, before the performance, so that it is known the loss of life was very large.

here, 200 miles from Oporto, say that the police | buildings, including two butchers shops. Toward have removed the remains of eighty bodies, and the work of searching the ruins is only just begun. The municipal authorities have put a with terrible power of destruction, and not one large gang of men at work. The charred bodies of the shops that came within its reach escaped. of a man and a woman were found in a box. On the opposite side the flames raged locked in a close embrace. They are believed to be bodies of Don Sorilla and his wife. He was one of the wealthiest merchants in the city,

None of the remains can be positively identified. The search is going on all night by the aid of torches, and the scenes among persons looking for missing relatives in the ruins are heartrending. Private information received here says that very few people in the galleries escaped, and the loss of life is twice as large as reported.

OPORTO, March 22nd. Sensations are rare in this little sleepy country. town, but we have just been appalled by one of a terrible nature. The burning of the theatre here is only second in horror to the destruction wise precautionary measure, escaped loss. They night, is a play house run on the French bouffe | they removed all their goods to this pit, and in lines and is always crowded, because this is the | this manner escaped either being plundered or

No detailed list of casualties is yet furnished 31 Miscellaneous Special Hospitals £89,189; 8 by the municipality. It is said that some Consumption Hospitals £74,636; 71 Institutions | Americans and not a few English must have for Reformation and Prevention £75,209; 19 lost their lives, but on this point nothing positive Institutions for Protection 273,253; 27 Charities is yet known. We hear of 130 people being for the Blind £70.640; 45 Institutions for Social | burned. This is probably an under-estimate. All Improvement £64, 164; and still a host of the after-horrors of the Opera Comique are others with sums to their credit of from £60,000 repeated here. The electric light has been laid down to \$5,000. The enormous sum total on to enable the workmen to continue the search that, for a period of twenty-five years, beginning may be said to average about one pound per by night as well as by day. Bodies, some of with the date of the exchange of the ratification head per annum of the total population of which are charred and black, are being of this convention, the coming, except under constantly brought out of the rubbish. I have the conditions hereinafter specified, of Chinese seen those of many sailors, to judge by their labourers to the United States shall be absolutely clothes. The audience in the fashionable parts prohibited. of the house seemed to have escaped better than from the Opera Comique and the Exeter Theatre.

from an unprotected jet of gas being blown by a draught against the acenery. A scene shifter value of \$1,000, or debts of like amount due him. General Boulanger to-day departed unan- named David saw and tried to lower the curtain and pending acttlement. Nevertheless, every to shut out the flames from the auditorium, but | Chinese labourer shall, before leaving the United the Minister of War has given General Boulanger as he was rushing forward some burning scenery States deposit, as a condition of his return, with fell down on the stage, the public became panic- the Collector of Customs of the district from which The Protest Committee met at Deputy stricken and made a simultaneous rush for the he ceparts a full description in writing of his Laguerra's residence to-day and prepared and doors. There was a rough attendance of the family or property, or debts as aforesaid, and signed a manifesto to electors of the departments | nautical, tide-waiter and dock-porter class in the shall be furnished by said Collector, with such of Alsne and Bouches Du Rhone, calling upon second gallery. They were pitiless in the crush- certificate of his right to return under this treaty, them to vote for General Boulanger as the ing mass and bore down all weaker than them- as the laws of the United States may now or representative of public liberties and democratic | selves. They used their fists, shoes, and knives | bereafter prescribe, mot inconsistent with the reforms at home, and the dignity of the nation | to cuff, kick, and slash their way to the front. provisions of this trenty; and should the written CITY OF MAXICO (via Galveston), March 18th. buichered when they stood in the way of these right of return thereunder, or of continued

Mr. Marriott, the Judge Advocate General, has resigned, finding that the new duties imposed upon him interfered with his private business.

The remains of the victims of the disaster fully reported to the Chinese Consul at the port of departure, and by him certified to the construction of the Chinese Consul at the port of departure, and by him certified to the construction of the Gollector of the port at which slaves these there are also fifty such Chinese subject shall land in the United Mrs. Stovall, a native of Kentucky, appeared three heaps of unrecognizable human remains. States. before Justice Crease at Nanaimo yesterday, and The identification was accompanied by many Art. 8. The provisions of this convention applied for admission to the rights of a British heart-rending scenes. In some cases, whole shall not affect the rights at present enjoyed. subject. His Lordship admitted the lady, and families perished together. Several works of by Chinese subjects being officials, teachers, congratulated her on being the first woman in charity have been organized for the benefit of atudents, merchants or travellers for curiosity

more or less interest. It is expected that considerable light will be thrown on Shakespeare't surroundings by the documents. A report co. cerning them has been made by the Librarian to the Records Committee.

A son of Lord Salisbury has been in Cousta imople, incognito, for one week, and has been received in nudience by the Sultan. It is rumoured that he is on a mission from that British Government to the Porte. . The vacant Knighthood of the Garter, h been conferred upon the Marquis of Londonderry;

the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, PARIS, March 22nd. The popularity of Boulanger is once more at high pitch. Notwithstanding all that has recently occurred, he is in a fair way to become the idol of the mob. Circulars have been distributed calling on him to break up the French Parliament and assume the control as

The Senate Army Commission, presided over by M. de Freycinet, has prepared a new Recruiting bill. The bill subjects all citizens alike to service for twenty-five years, but provides for various partial exemptions in the case of students and others; imposing, however, taxes upon persons thus exempted. These taxes, it is calculated, will result in a revenue of 25,000,000 france yearly. The bill also provides that all sons of parents born in France are liable to service, whether naturalized or not.

WINNIPEO, March 22nd. The Saskatchewan Herald again gives a note of warning in the issue of this week of the impending half-breed troubles in the Northwest. It says the Indians are becoming much more communicative and talk freely of the coming revolt, but while doing so, say that they must rise, and they are afraid they will say they will only take up arms in the event of to go to their assistance. It is not claim the Indians that the half breeds are seek secure any further frights, but are han after revenge for their former defent.

A FEARFUL CONFLAGRATION PEKING.

A fire, the like of which has not been witnessed during the last twenty or thirty years for its magnitude and destructive results, occurred in Peking on the night of the 6th instant, outside of the Front Gate, and in the very midst of the business portion of the city. The fire began at a quarter to 10 o'clock, in a tea-store called the Chen Te. Tien. For some unknown reason, the upper storey of this store, where the goods were kept, caught fire, and volumes of smoke were seen gushing out of the windows. Upon this being seen by the passers by in the streets they gave the alarm, and this was the first knowledge the inmates of the shop had of their danger. By this time the fire had made great headway, and as there was a brisk wind blowing at the time, and the building contained combustible materials, the flames were rapidly getting beyond control and began to spread in all directions. The fire brigade from the Nan Cheng department soon arrived, but their utmost efforts were "like drops of water in a bucket." Toward the east side the flames spread with fearful rapidity, enveloping, the Tai, Lai people, and the box office was refusing admission | and a large number of other shops, among which were a clothing store; a clock and watch store, a wine store, and several restaurants. On the At nine o'clock to-night dispatches received north side the fire destroyed quite a number of the west the fire spread from the Kwan Yin nunnery all the way up to the Tai Ho dispensary, unwonted fury, and carried everything before their way, their destructive progress not being checked until they had consumed between ten and twenty buidings. The fire burned till after 2 o'clock, when, partly through the efforts of the fire brigades, and partly because there were no more buildings in the way for the flames to consume, it began to subside, and was finally extinguished. Nearly forty buildings were totally destroyed, and over two hundred were partially burned or singed. Robbery and plunder, were attempted while the goods were being removed, and in many cases with success. One of the foreign goods stores, which had adopted a

THE NEW UNITED STATES TREATY WITH CHINA.

The Shanghai Mercury publishes the following leading clauses of the new Chinese Treaty that has been negotiated by Secretary Bayard and the Chinese Minister

Article 1. The high contracting parties agree.

Att. 2. The preceding article shall not apply to the return to the United States of any Chinese So far as can be ascertained the disaster arose | labourer who has a lawful wife, child, or parent, in the United States, or property therein of the residence after return, shall in each case be several volcanoes are unmistakably in renewed actresses engaged in it wore their finest jewels. But such right to return to the United States activity.

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GODOWN in ICE HOUSE LANE, lately occupied by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, from the 1st May. Apply.to .

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.THE Steamship ·

Captain Withycombe, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from along-

The Steamer is berthed at Kowloon Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on

Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, TO-DAY, the 23rd inst. All claims against the Steamer must be pre-sented to the Undersigned on or before the 30th instant or they will not be recognised. RUSSELL & Co.,

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1888.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY. THE Company's Steamship

Captain Talbot, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 25th instant,

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 23rd April, 1888.

STEAM TO STRAITS, COLOMBO_AND BOMBAY, connecting at COLOMBO with the Company's Steamer "BRINDISI" for MARSEILLES, LONDON and INTER-MEDIATE PORTS

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "TANIORE" will leave for the above places on SUNDAY,

the 20th April, at DAYLIGHT. For Freight or Passage, apply to

Hongkong, 19th April, 1888. FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. THE Steamship "MORAY,"

the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 29th instant For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 23rd April, 1888.

A. Duncan, Commander, will be despatched for

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, YIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE. (PASSING THROUGH THE INLAND SEA.) THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship The state of the state of the state of the state of the

"HYDASPES"

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Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 18th April, 1858. FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL

THE Steamship "STRATHLEVEN." W. Pearson, Commander, will be despatched. for the above Port, on or about the 5th prox.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Hongkong, 20th April, 1888.

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THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Ship C. H. Allyn, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have a quick despatch:

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FRANCISCO: THE U.S. Mail Steamship-

"CITY OF SYDNEY" will be despatched for San Francisco, vid Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd May, at THREE P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, and Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers. "First-class Fares granted as follows :---To San Francisco.....\$200.00 To San Francisco and return, available for 6 months...... To Liverpool 325.00

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Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-Hined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, sidressed to the Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, | For information as to Passage or Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, | Spoly to Spoke Contral | Spoly to Spoke Contral | Spoke Contral SHIP C.D. HARMAN

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Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 2 Pill., on the day before sailing. Tea, Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; and General Cargo at Bombay, arriving one week later than by the direct route via Colombo. For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and

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Superintendent. P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,

Hongkong, 12th April, 1888. OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM. SHIP COMPANY.

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at THREE P.M. Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports. All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and the same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day

previous to sailing. First-class Fares granted as follows :-To San Francisco......\$200,00 To San Francisco and return, } available for 6 months...... To Liverpool 325.00

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STATES AND EUROPE, -THE-CANADIAN-PACIFIC-RAILWAY AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

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2,650 Tons Register, Watton, Commander, will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C. KOBE, and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 10th May, at THREE P.M. To be followed by a Steamer ".....

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> ADAMSON BELL & Co. Hongkong, 14th April, 1884.